

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

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## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6897–S6923*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 4, 2930–2939. **Pages S6913–14**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2551, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish or otherwise provide an artificial intelligence training program for the acquisition workforce. (S. Rept. No. 117–40)

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**Merriam Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Sarah A.L. Merriam, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 6, 2021; that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination ripen at 11:30 a.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all post-cloture time expire at 2:15 p.m.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 79 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 405), Paloma Adams-Allen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

**Pages S6897–S6903, S6903–04**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 78 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 404), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 407), Lauren J. King, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

**Pages S6901–03, S6904–10**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 406), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Breon S. Peace, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

William S. Thompson, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Damian Williams, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

Darcie N. McElwee, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

Christopher R. Kavanaugh, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

William J. Ihlenfeld II, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Carla B. Freedman, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York for the term of four years.

Jessica D. Aber, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Armando O. Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Armando O. Bonilla, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a

term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on July 13, 2021. **Page S6923**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S6912**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S6921**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—407) **Pages S6901, S6904, S6910**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6923.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army, Rachel Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Alex Wagner, of the District of Columbia, and Andrew Philip Hunter, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Alexia Marie Gabrielle Latortue, of the District of Columbia, and Graham Scott Steele, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Alan F. Estevez, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Industry and Security, and Thea D. Rozman Kendler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce.

### AFGHANISTAN'S FUTURE

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan's future, focusing on assessing the national security, humanitarian, and economic implications of the

Taliban takeover, after receiving testimony from Adam M. Smith, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, LLP, and Sue E. Eckert, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of New York, New York; Naheed Farid, Member of Afghanistan Parliament, Herat; and Thomas Joscelyn, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C.

### PROTECTING KIDS ONLINE

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting kids online, focusing on testimony from a Facebook whistleblower, after receiving testimony from Frances Haugen, Whistleblower Aid.

### MINING LAW OF 1872

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine and consider updates to the Mining Law of 1872, after receiving testimony from Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; Katie Sweeney, National Mining Association, and Autumn Hanna, Taxpayers for Common Sense, both of Washington, D.C.; Rich Haddock, Barrick Gold Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah; and David Brown, Wyo-Ben, Inc., Billings, Montana.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, Mallory A. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary (Verification and Compliance), and Steven C. Bondy, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffrey M. Hovenier, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Michael J. Murphy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as

Ambassador to the Principality of Andorra, and Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, who was introduced by Senator Markey, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### VAWA REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 1620, to reauthorize the

Violence Against Women Act of 1994, after receiving testimony from Senators Capito, Ernst, and Hyde-Smith; and Lisa O. Monaco, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 5476–5505; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 701–704, were introduced. **Pages H5599–H5600**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H5601**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2915, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 regarding the procurement of certain items related to national security interests for Department of Homeland Security frontline operational components, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–135). **Page H5599**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Brown to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5597**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Lisa Wink Schultz, Office of the Senate Chaplain, Washington, DC. **Page H5597**

*Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth–Appointment:* The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment, of the following Members to the Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth: Representatives Steil, Davidson, Arrington, Bice (OK), Cammack, and Donalds. **Page H5597**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5597.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### OVERSIGHT OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION: PUTTING INVESTORS AND MARKET INTEGRITY FIRST

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission: Putting Investors and Market Integrity First”. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### AFGHANISTAN 2001–2021: EVALUATING THE WITHDRAWAL AND U.S. POLICIES—PART II

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Afghanistan 2001–2021: Evaluating the Withdrawal and U.S. Policies—Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing on H.J. Res. 55, the “Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole Protecting Family Legacies Act”; H.R. 441, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and for other purposes; H.R. 2402, the “Winnebago Land Transfer Act of 2021”; H.R. 4881, the “Old Pascua Community Land Acquisition Act”; and H.R. 5221, the “Urban Indian Health Confer Act”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Grijalva, and Representatives Young, Kahele, and Fortenberry; P. Benjamin Smith, Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Darryl LaCounte, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## HURRICANE IDA AND BEYOND: READINESS, RECOVERY, AND RESILIENCE

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hurricane Ida and Beyond: Readiness, Recovery, and Resilience”. Testimony was heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

## BALANCING OPEN SCIENCE AND SECURITY IN THE U.S. RESEARCH ENTERPRISE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Balancing Open Science and Security in the U.S. Research Enterprise”. Testimony was heard from Allison Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; Candice N. Wright, Director, Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine enhancing data security, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 336, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway, S. 378, to reauthorize the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area, and the Oil Region National Heritage Area, S. 511, to establish the Bronzeville-Black Metropolis National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, S. 635, to reauthorize The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor and the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area, S. 654, to reauthorize the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area, S. 787, to amend the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the local coordinating entity for the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area under that Act, S. 825, to establish the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, S. 972, to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area, S. 990, to reauthorize the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, S. 1004, to extend the authorization of

the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area, to designate the Great Basin National Heritage Route in the State of Nevada as the “Great Basin National Heritage Area”, to designate the Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership as the “Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership”, to extend the authorization of the Great Basin National Heritage Area, S. 1112, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Chisholm National Historic Trail and the Western National Historic Trail, S. 1224, to reauthorize, and increase the total funding cap for, the America’s Agricultural Heritage Partnership, to redesignate the America’s Agricultural Heritage Partnership as the “Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area”, S. 1258, to extend the authorization of each of the National Coal Heritage Area and the Wheeling National Heritage Area in the State of West Virginia, S. 1284 and H.R. 2497, bills to establish the Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a Unit of the National Park System, S. 1318, to reauthorize the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, S. 1329, to amend the National Aviation Heritage Area Act to reauthorize the National Aviation Heritage Area, S. 1620, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the city of Eunice, Louisiana, certain Federal land in the State of Louisiana, S. 1643, to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, S. 1942, to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, S. 1954, to reauthorize the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, S. 2158, to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, S. 2296, establish the Northern Neck National Heritage Area, S. 2438, to modify the boundary of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park in the State of Louisiana, S. 2441, to establish in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor, S. 2482, to amend the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Act of 2006 to reauthorize the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, S. 2490, to establish the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Marfa, Texas, S. 2580, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make free National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes available to members of the Armed Forces, S. 2648, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to reauthorize the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, and S. 2763, to extend the authorization for the MotorCities National Heritage Area in the State of Michigan, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine the status and management of drought in the western United States, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers emergency response to Hurricane Ida, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 587, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide that the President or certain agency heads may remove the Inspector General, or place an Inspector General on non-duty status,

only if certain conditions are satisfied, S. 1794, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to provide testimonial subpoena authority, H.R. 2662, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978, S. 2875, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Cyber Incident Review Office in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, S. 2902, to modernize Federal information security management, and the nominations of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member, and to be Chairman, and Tristan Lynn Leavitt, of Idaho, and Raymond A. Limon, of Nevada, both to be a Member, all of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Tovah R. Calderon, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Kenia Seoane Lopez, Rupa Ranga Puttagunta, and Sean C. Staples, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10:15 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 648, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, and S. 1911, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Jane M. Beckering, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Shalina D. Kumar, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Armando O. Bonilla, of Virginia, and Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Jonathan Kanter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 3 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, hearing entitled "Homecoming: The Historical Roots and Continued Contributions of HBCUs", 12 p.m., Zoom.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Strengthening Our Communications Networks to Meet the Needs of Consumers", 12 p.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact, hearing entitled "Development Assistance During Conflict: Lessons from Afghanistan", 1 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Office of Insular Affairs Full Committee, hearing entitled "PREPA Post Implementation of the LUMA Transmission and Distribution Contract", 1 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on Small Business,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "SBA's Entrepreneurial Development Programs", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled "Emerging Contaminants, Forever Chemicals, and More: Challenges to Water Quality, Public Health, and Communities", 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

## Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine building back better, focusing on raising revenue to invest in shared prosperity, 2:30 p.m., VTC.

# Résumé of Congressional Activity

## FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

### DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through September 30, 2021

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session .....	143	125	..
Time in session .....	810 hrs., 57'	514 hrs, 54'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	6,871	5,595	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,059	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	20	27	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total .....	322	358	680
Senate bills .....	68	18	..
House bills .....	27	237	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	3	3	..
House joint resolutions .....	1	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	4	4	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	5	7	..
Simple resolutions .....	214	87	..
Measures reported, total .....	*113	125	238
Senate bills .....	72	..	..
House bills .....	3	93	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	37	31	..
Special reports .....	8	8	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	79	27	..
Measures introduced, total .....	3,359	6,276	9,635
Bills .....	2,914	5,464	..
Joint resolutions .....	26	59	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	15	53	..
Simple resolutions .....	404	700	..
Quorum calls .....	4	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	402	311	..
Recorded votes .....	..	..	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Veto overridden .....	..	..	..

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through September 30, 2021

Civilian nominees, totaling 584, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	182
Unconfirmed .....	357
Withdrawn .....	45
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,714, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	1,119
Unconfirmed .....	595
Air Force nominees, totaling 5,524, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	5,515
Unconfirmed .....	9
Army nominees, totaling 8,123, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	6,142
Unconfirmed .....	1,980
Withdrawn .....	1
Navy nominees, totaling 3,246, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	3,243
Unconfirmed .....	2
Withdrawn .....	1
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 583, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	577
Unconfirmed .....	6
Space Force nominees, totaling 1,869, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	1,046
Unconfirmed .....	4
Withdrawn .....	819
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session .....	0
Total nominees received this Session .....	21,643
Total confirmed .....	17,824
Total unconfirmed .....	2,953
Total withdrawn .....	866
Total returned to the White House .....	0

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 39 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 133 reports have been filed in the House.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 6

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Sarah A.L. Merriam, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m., followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 1301, Promoting Physical Activity for Americans Act (the legislative vehicle for the debt limit suspension).

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Friday, October 8

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

## HOUSE

Bacon, Don, Nebr., E1065  
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